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## Gay Computer Boards Come Out

by Scott Farrell

**P**icture a dark room lit only by the neon-like flickering of a computer screen at a desk in the corner. Intently typing on the keyboard sits Andross. Handsome and blond -- the opposite of the computer nerd -- Andross spends at least an hour a night on the gay bulletin board.

Andross is part of a subculture that most gay people don't even know exists. Made up mostly of gay men with a smidgen of lesbians and heterosexuals, the "gay BBS's" have their own lingo -- and users choose a "handle" or fantasy name.

Ron Mullins chose the "handle" Andross because he admired the works of fiction by the gay author of that name.

This invisible community offers its members unlimited ways of expressing themselves. It allows people not only to come out but also explore secret fantasies. "The board's allowed me to discover who and what I am," said Andross who founded his own fiction room where he writes everything from single page short stories to sagas that span the weeks.

Because of the handle, people can be as anonymous as they want, although they fill out a detailed personal questionnaire when they join. They can start their own bulletin board or "rooms" on just about any subject they want. They can open rooms to everyone or just invite their friends. They can even view photos ranging from the comical to the perverse on the screen or print them out in the privacy of their own home.

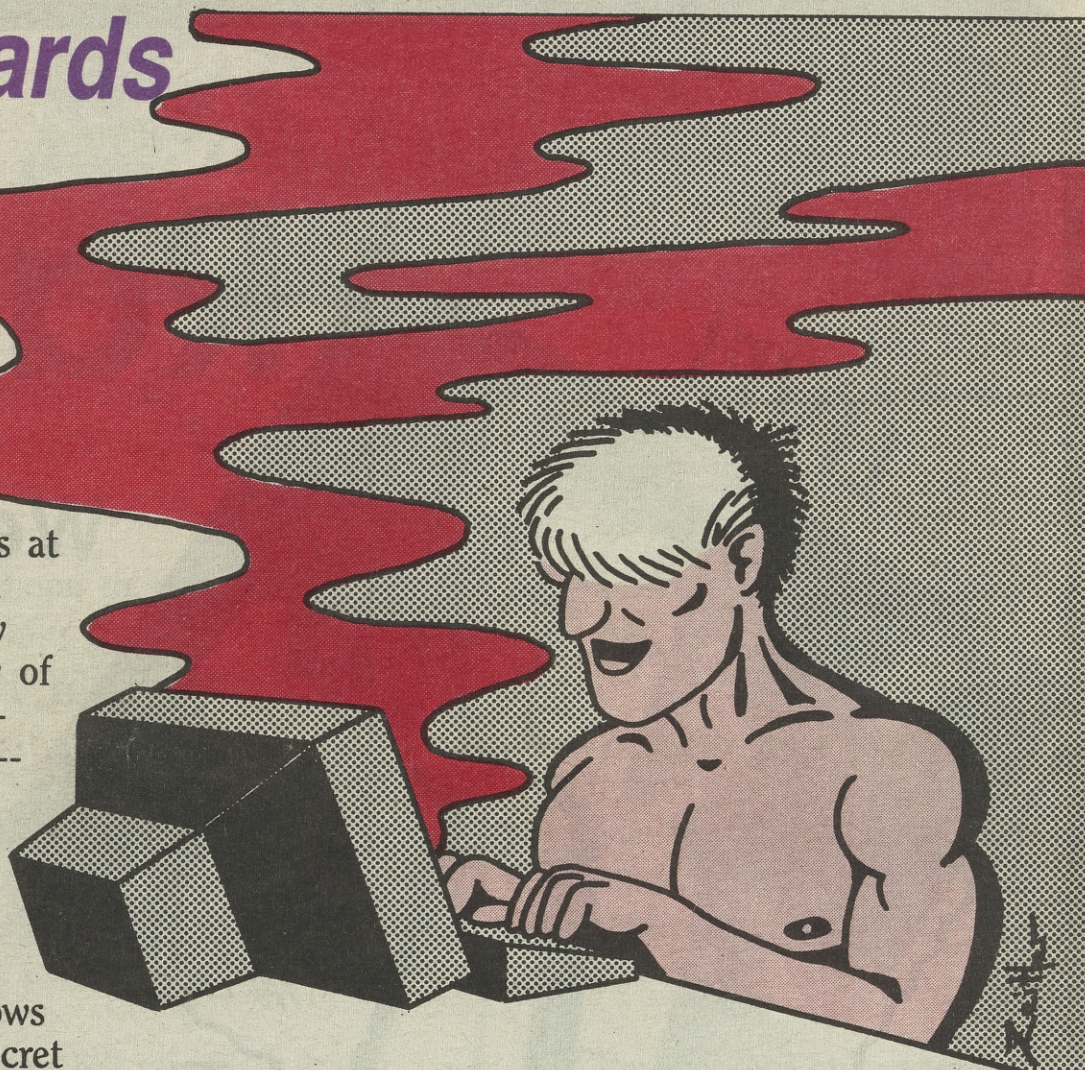
But before being allowed to participate in the board's different arenas, all new members have to be verified. Verification prevents minors from accessing such adult rooms as sexually serious, S/M and others. In these rooms individuals speak freely about problems, ideas and experiences without fear of being ridiculed. Individuals create fantasy selves

of being ridiculed. Individuals create fantasy selves and then live out those fantasies, at least on the screen. A pipsqueak who has never worked out and only weighs 140 pounds can become a muscular jock. And the questionnaire everyone fills out asks members how truthful they were: "Did you tell the whole truth, most of the truth, some of the truth -- or was everything a lie?"

But the fantasy rooms are not all sexual. For people who dream of becoming a comedian, there is a joke room. Members create jokes and limericks, other would-be comics respond: "Did you hear that they're using lawyers in place of lab rats? There are more lawyers, you get less attached to them and there are some things that rats just won't do."

Like blond jokes, lawyer jokes went on for weeks, as did the controversy, this subject and many others inspired. Almost everything offends someone and the joke room has running arguments as well as jokes.

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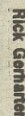
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ETHAN! HEY-IT'S GREAT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE, WE MISS YOU SO MUCH LISTEN-SAM'S MOM IS VISITING NEXT WEEK- AND THEN HE AND I ARE SPENDING 2 WEEKS IN ARUBA- AFTER THAT I BEGIN CLASSES-- HOWABOUT DINNER 6 WEEKS FROM NEXT TUESDAY- WAIT, SAM SAYS THAT'S NOT GOOD FOR HIM...

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SCREWING UP THE PUNCH LINES OF EACH OTHER'S JOKES.

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"MY BUCCANEERS ARE UNDER MY BUCKIN' HAT -!"

"CAUSE HE WAS ANNOYED, GET IT?"

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# !!! really I MUST SAY!

## Schools Need to Help Teens

**A**dolescence may be the worst time of anyone's life -- a particularly emotional and difficult period of growth.

Although many gay and lesbian youth know they are "different" from an early age, finding out exactly why -- that their sexuality makes them a member of a misunderstood minority -- makes adolescence even more difficult than it already is.

As a result, gay and lesbian teenagers are one of the most high-risk minority groups in the nation. They are not only prey to bashing, AIDS and low self-esteem but also drugs, alcoholism and suicide. A 1989 report by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Task Force estimated that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual youth may account for "up to 30 percent of completed suicides annually." Estimates range as high as 75 percent of attempted suicides.


Despite those startling statistics, the Bush administration chose to ignore its own report and do nothing.

Most gay and lesbian teenagers have no one to turn to. Friends forsake and harass them; parents force them into therapy or throw them out of the house. A trusted teacher or hip counselor often is the first person a gay teen will turn to.

That's why the school system is the perfect place to help.

While Sacramento has come far toward helping gay teens with foster parent programs and grants to various community organizations, more needs to be done. The local high schools need to begin seeing themselves as the first line of defense.

They need to implement sensitivity training sessions for all high school teachers and counselors. Critical counseling for gay teens needs to be provided free of parental approval and free of charge. Special alcohol and drug programs aimed at gay teen behaviors need to be created.

Gay teens are just as important as any other teenagers. Their problems need to be addressed with the same sense of responsibility given to any other budding adult. 



When Channel 3 asked the paper about *outing*, we talked about the differences between public figures and private individuals. Although we don't plan to "out" anyone, our editorial last month further explained the legal angle.

As we said, many gays are against outing. Here are a few letters we received about last month's editorial.

### Reader Lambasts "Outing"

Dear Editor,

The latest ISSUE editorial on "outing" is a sad reflection on your publication. The editorial asserts that persons give up the right to privacy when they become public figures. Why? Because the press says so? How can you be so arrogant?

That the press chooses to ignore the privacy rights of public figures does not mean public figures have no right to privacy; it means the press has no ethics. That is hardly the same thing.

Your editorial position places the latest ISSUE in the same swamp of moral bankruptcy as the supermarket tabloids. That's bad enough; but the smugness and callousness of the editorial is truly shameful. How proud you must be of your profession!

Sincerely,  
Frank Fox

### The Editor replies:

The press did not create the law about the public's right to know versus an individual's right to privacy. The courts, over the past century, did. We are proud of our profes-

sion, despite tabloids with headlines such as "Eight-headed baby born to woman abducted by UFO." Without "the fourth estate," this country would end up a fascist dictatorship.

### Outing is Offensive

Dear Editor,

Really, I must say, your mid-February editorial on outing is truly offensive! Your assertion that Americans who seek fame and fortune knowingly give up their right to privacy is unfounded and completely ridiculous. Just because the vultures of the media violate the privacy of many public figures, does not mean that those public figures knowingly or willingly gave up their privacy. It just means it was stolen from them.

It is certainly ugly that being gay is still considered "a dirty little secret." But that in no way diminishes an individual's right to decide for him or herself whether to be publicly "out" about their sexuality. If anything, it should enhance it. People need to be protected against the ugliness and, often, violence, that is directed at gays, and remaining in the closet is one of the ways in which some gays chose to protect themselves.

It is true that we need positive gay role models. I applaud, and am truly grateful for the gays who are publicly "out." But publicly outing closeted gays will only ensure that fewer gays will be willing to enter public service, and other public careers.

In closing, let me say that

"outing" is just another form of gay-bashing. It isn't more acceptable just because it's perpetuated by other gays.

Kelly O'Neil

### Listen Up, Channel 40

Dear Editor,

How can we seriously listen to our own Channel 40's Bob Cook's nightly commentaries concerning equal rights for gays and all other liberal ideas when he refuses to give equal pay for equal work to Lorraine Woodward?

She has more experience than her male counterpart, so why, Bob, are you cheating Lorraine based upon gender?

I urge everyone within the gay and lesbian community to voice your concerns to Channel 40. Equality should never be compromised!

David Andrews

### Why Straight Leather Winner?

Dear Editor,

If a gay man or woman were to enter a straight leather contest, or generally, any straight-sponsored event and come out during the competition, I am sure that one way or another he or she would be forced out by one means or another.

Recently at JTC a straight woman won a gay leather contest. A very gay event. Why was she not disqualified?

As much as we gay people love all brothers and sisters of every race, color, and etc. As well as the many hundreds of categories we humans are labeled, we have few things we can call our very own. We must keep it our own. Before the straight majority can create rules to protect us, we must have rules to protect our own. The most hated category of human labels is the one that is labeled 'GAY'.

What has happened to Boy Scouts who have come out of the closet, distinguished military men and women who have come out of the closet? They were discarded like trash. Not because they were black, Jewish, Democrat, but because they were gay. And only

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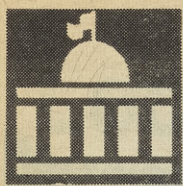
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# AROUND TOWN

## Sacramento Votes to Fight for Gay Rights Law

by Scott Farrell

**T**he Sacramento City Council on February 11 voted to uphold its existing civil rights ordinance, which a recent court decision in Los Angeles threw into jeopardy.

The Council agreed to join an appeal that opposes a superior court judge's decision to throw out the Los Angeles' anti-discrimination ordinance. If it is allowed to stand, the decision would throw all local anti-discrimination ordinances into question.

"It is unconscionable that existing civil rights laws could be repealed," said Scott Farrell,

secretary of the Town Council, whose letter-writing campaign informed the City Council of the threat to its ordinance. "Otherwise, it could lead to the dismantling of the rights of a wide range of individuals. It's important that the City Council uphold existing ordinances so that it can remain committed to protecting its gay and lesbian citizens."

Sacramento and 12 other California cities have local ordinances prohibiting discrimination for sexual orientation. In the wake of the veto of AB 101, the bill that would have given statewide protection to lesbians and gay on the job, local ordinances become the only legal backing gays and lesbians have.

But a Los Angeles civil rights case, "Delaney v. Superior Fast Freight," was dismissed on the grounds that a city did not have the right to pass a law prohibiting employment discrimination based on

sexual orientation. If the decision is upheld by the appellate court, the decision could strip existing protections such as those enjoyed by gays in Sacramento.

"Since there isn't a state law, we sued under the local ordinance," said Thomas Coleman, the attorney in the case and founder of the Family Diversity Project. "But the judge said cities don't have the power to pass such ordinances. In effect, the decision would prohibit any city from passing a gay rights' ordinance."

To join the appeal, the Sacramento City Attorney's Office filed a friend of the court brief.

"The cities are fighting to save their laws," said Jon Davidson of the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU also filed an "amicus" brief in the case, along with the Lambda Lawyers for Human Rights and the National Lesbian and Gay Lawyers Association.

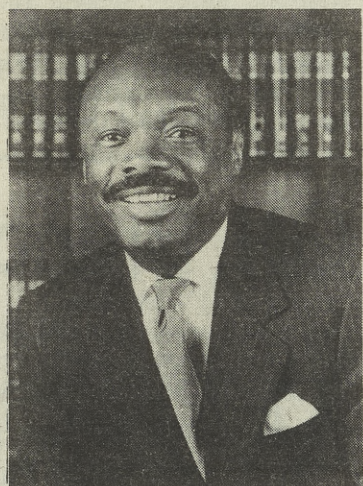
It may be years before the outcome is known but for now, Sacramento has thrown its weight into the battle for civil rights.

## Bills Introduced for Gay Rights

by Dell Richards

**T**wo bills introduced in the Assembly are being used by their authors to get around the Governor's veto of the gay rights bill this past September.

Leader of the Assembly, Speaker Willie Brown, D-San Francisco, in early March introduced an omnibus civil rights package which included the same wording as AB 101, the gay rights job bill that Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed.



Willie Brown (D-SF).

Assemblyman Terry Friedman, D-Sherman Oaks, in February introduced a bill which would permanently set in stone recent court cases upholding the

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## CSUS President Supports ROTC Ban

by Gina Peers

**A**mid criticism that California State University, Sacramento, was not moving fast enough, the CSUS president has given his support to the ban of the military's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) from the campus.

President Donald R. Gerth hopes to be able to keep the military training program on the campus but agreed with the ban if the issue of discrimination cannot be resolved. He issued a statement this past month saying that unless the Department of Defense (DOD) changed its discriminatory policy towards gays and lesbians, the ROTC program will be terminated. Campus regulations prohibit discrimination by the statewide

university system for sexual orientation.

"It's unfair to students in ROTC to all of a sudden remove their scholarships," said Lou Camera, a gay student services counselor on the campus, who supported Gerth's efforts on behalf of gays and lesbians. "(Anti-gay) policy is not their decision, it's the DOD's."

Some students and faculty claim the ROTC program is not in itself discriminatory.

Although Gerth plans to give ROTC till spring, 1993, he has actively worked to secure a change in the current DOD position on sexual orientation. The CSUS President has talked privately with congressional leaders and as a member of a committee of presidents and chancellors from universities across the nation, Gerth petitioned the DOD to reverse its policy.

Lee Nichols, a gay professor in the Communications department at CSUS, called Gerth's work "a useful piece of strategy."

Nichols, who is hopeful that the Army will eventually desegregate, said that he was "happy to tell our friends in the (gay) community that Gerth has done the right thing."

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# Lambda Center Loses Funds

by Kate Moore

The Sacramento County Health Council on Feb. 25, rejected an appeal by the Lambda Community Center for one of two grants that fund the Center. The appeal would have allowed Lambda to fight the reduction or elimination of money for the Center's tobacco cessation grant.

Funding for county tobacco education programs were slashed from \$649,000 to \$450,000 by Gov. Wilson in this year's budget. "More than \$1.3 million in grant requests came to the County Health Council" said Kathy Glasmire. "We couldn't fund them all."

Lambda ended up on the "B" list with a potential grant of \$30,000. "That's \$4,000 less than last year's grant, if we receive any money at all," said Sue Doerfer, director of the Lambda tobacco cessation grant. "We're in the second tier for funding and it is questionable whether there will be any money left after the first tier is granted." Lambda's

initial funding request was for \$90,767.

Lambda Community Center's President, Marghe Covino, expressed additional disappointment with the Health Council regarding the Center's only designated target group - "HIV+ smokers." "We listed our target groups as school-age youth and their families, out-of-school youth, current tobacco users, and of course HIV+ smokers, because we need to address the risk of tobacco use with people before they become HIV+," said Covino.

According to Doerfer, the impact on the Community Center will be dramatic if the tobacco cessation grant is not

funded. "Part of the money from the grant goes directly to the running of the Center. If this grant is lost, the Center will exist only on the AIDS grant and private donations."

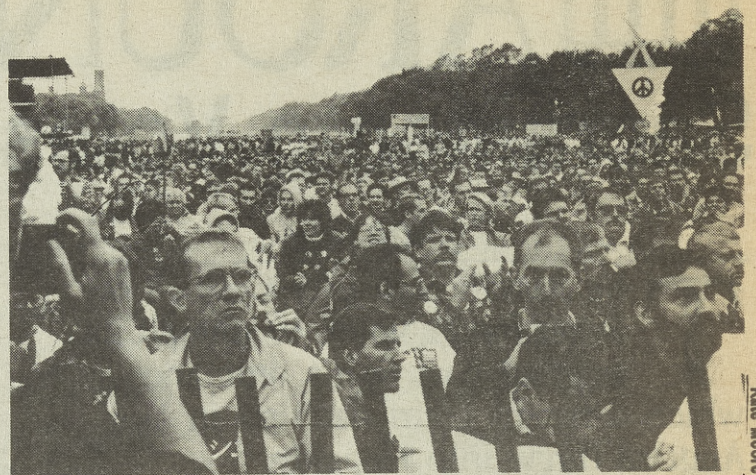
Other organizations which made appeals at the Feb. 25 meeting were the CSUS Hornet Foundation and Meadowview Community Action, Inc. Both groups failed to meet minimum qualifications for funding yet the Meadowview group was granted their appeal based on the need for outreach to the African American community. Lambda scored well above the minimum requirements for the requested grant.

"The only reason the appeal was granted for Meadowview was because they had one person on the board who was willing to speak up for people of color," said Covino. "It's time that we get gays and lesbians on these boards."

"This is a good opportunity for us to make a statement about the homophobia that exists institutionally," said Doerfer.

The Lambda Center plans to appeal the funding decision directly to the Sacramento Board of Supervisors at an upcoming meeting. "We want to get a large number of people to attend the meeting, call their supervisors, and lobby for funding," said Covino. "The gay and lesbian community needs to make their voices heard."

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More than 600,000 people came out for the 1987 March on Washington for Lesbian & Gay Rights. More are expected in 93.

## March on D.C. Group Forms

The local March on Washington Committee which formed this past October is up and running but still needs volunteers.

Community activists Nancy Nystrom, former political co-chair of Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change, and Mark Hoffman of the Lambda Center are spearheading the drive.

Until Nystrom pushed, the Sacramento contingent was going to be under San Francisco's group.

"The Bay Area was going to get all the representatives in this region until I lobbied to get Sacramento represented" said Nystrom.

For Nystrom, it was just as important to have everyone represented, no matter how large a city they came from.

"New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles represent less

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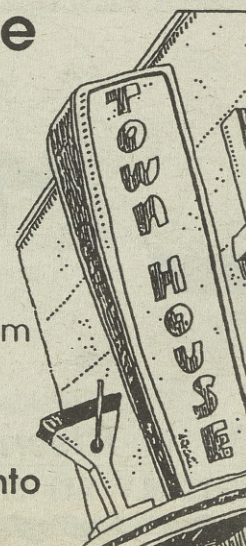
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## QN Branches Out

by Beth Alstin

When Governor Pete Wilson vetoed the gay rights job bill this past October, a group of angry Sacramentans dissatisfied with the slow progress of the legislative system banned together to form Queer Nation Sacramento.

Since early October, they have decided to use direct

action tactics not seen in Sacramento before to fight local homophobia.

"Our objective is to overcome homophobia by being visible not only in the straight community but in the queer community as well," said Linda Greene, QN member.

In addition to wearing queer buttons and distributing stickers locally, Queer Nationals plan to blanket Fresno and Concord with queer emblems.

"By wearing and distributing our stickers, we help empower other queers to come out on a daily basis. But our fight isn't limited to Sacramento. We've traveled

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# Local Educators Tackling Teen Homophobia

by Chris Narloch

A few years ago, Chris Russell experienced first-hand the agony of violence in high school. Picked on since junior high, he suffered years of physical and verbal abuse, including being threatened at knife-point for being a "faggot."

His grades went from A's to F's before he dropped out to take the California Proficiency Test rather than try to graduate in such a hostile environment.

It would be nice to think experiences like Russell's are rare. But they are all too common in high schools across the nation. Now, a group of counselors, psychiatrists and

educators from the local Sacramento area have formed a task force to address the difficult, and sometimes, controversial issue. They have been meeting for the past year to discuss ways of helping gay teens, termed "the invisible student at risk."

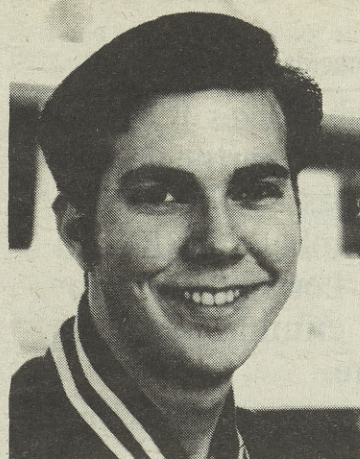
"We feel we are obligated to do everything possible to see that every student has an

equal chance of an education," said Marcy Virago, local high school teacher and task force member. "Gay teens are at a higher risk of dropping out and their chances of graduating are much smaller."

Stephen Wehr, assistant principal of Center High School and another task force member, said the group's goal was to provide "equal opportunity and quality of education for all students in the district," no matter what their sexual orientation.

According to Wehr, the first step is to educate teachers, counselors and school administrators to gay and lesbian issues, something even the most accomplished instructors may not know anything about.

Support programs for



A.C. Santos

Chris Russell.

gays in high school already have made successful inroads in those cities and others nationwide.

Wehr and other members have gotten people involved from all levels of the community, including school board members.

Anita Westenbarger, Center Unified School District board president, hopes the groups' meetings will "open the doors" to educators who want to learn how to provide a more tolerant atmosphere for all high school students. According to Westenbarger, Sacramento can learn from the example of Davis, "where a

committee has been formed and policies set to address these issues."

While AIDS information is being given to students in the Center Unified School District as well as others districts such as Sacramento City, specific information about homosexuality is not. The task force hopes to change that eventually. One immediate possibility is to have gays who are recent high school graduates tell teachers what it was

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## RCDC Hosts Candidate Forum

Democrats running for Sacramento mayor and city council will present their views at the River City Democratic Club's candidates forum Monday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th Street.

Nearly 20 candidates are competing for mayor and four city council seats.

After the candidates have spoken, RCDC will make decisions and endorsements for the June election.

Heavy interest is focused on the mayor's race. Joe Serna, a city councilmember for eight years, is seeking to

replace Anne Rudin, a popular friend of the gay community. Serna also has offered the community support, including proposals for gay representation in city government.

RCDC is also interested in the district 4 and district 8 races for city council. Because Tom Chinn is not running for re-election, district 4

is a wide open contest between Dan Flynn, Jimmie Yee and Robert Adams.

The River City Democratic Club also will celebrate its ninth anniversary with a rousing party at Faces Saturday, March 21. The party will have live music, appetizers and drinks, cake and ice cream and appearances by public officials and officers of numerous issues. Admission to the party is \$10 advance or \$12 at the door. A drawing will be held for two nights lodging at San Francisco's elegant Nob Hill Inn.

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# HIV Bill Would Make Safe Sex a Crime

by Dell Richards

**A** Senate bill which makes it illegal not to tell a sexual partner one's HIV status has passed the Senate and now is in the Assembly. Authored by Senator Ed Davis, R-Los Angeles, the bill creates complicated criminal penalties for incomplete disclosure.

Critics are fearful that, for all intents and purposes, the bill would criminalize sexual behavior for any HIV positive person and hurt AIDS prevention efforts.

"This bill would do nothing to fight the spread of AIDS," said Beth Capell, Legislative Advocate for the California Nurses Association, which opposes the bill.

The bill would level different penalties for anyone with HIV having sex, if the virus is passed during the act:

\* Having unprotected sex which deliberately gives some-

one the virus would bring life imprisonment;

\* Having unprotected sex even if the person doesn't plan to transmit the virus could bring up to four years.

The bill even makes it a crime, with up to one year in prison, for transmitting the virus during protected sex.

The penalties are the same for sharing needles.

If passed, the bill would be the first of its kind to make "safe sex" a criminal activity.

The bill also would make almost any type of sexual activity a criminal offense if a

person knows he or she is HIV positive. Opponents say that will stop people from getting tested.

"Passing a law such as this would hurt, not help, public health efforts," said Nan Hun-

ter of the American Civil Liberties Union. "There is no reason to believe that criminalization would stop the spread of the virus."

Hunter argued that it would make people frightened

of seeking early diagnosis and treatment.

Critics also say that it already is illegal to deliberately attempt to infect someone with the HIV virus and that the bill is not necessary. **E**

## Bill Would Protect "Rogue Cops"

**A** bill that would make it more difficult to investigate "rogue" cops recently passed the Assembly and now is in the Senate. If passed, the bill would severely limit the questioning about misconduct of police officers by their own department.

AB 2967 is sponsored by the California Council of Police and Sheriffs but many law enforcement associations are against it.

Sacramento Sheriff Glen Craig came out against the bill, saying it would make it difficult to investigate misconduct within a law-enforcement agency.

"The bill would handcuff law enforcement administration and impede their efforts to discipline officers," said Craig.

The bill comes at a time when police are under intense scrutiny for their actions.

When Rodney King was viciously beaten by members of the Los Angeles Police Department, it rocked the city. Critics called for the resignation of Police Chief Darryl Gates. Charges of racism followed.

A complete investigation of

the beating-- which only came to light because it was videotaped by a bystander -- would not have been impossible under this new bill. It allows police officers to refuse to answer questions about their conduct. It also allows the well-entrenched "code of silence" among police officers to be given legal standing. If passed, the bill would allow officers to refuse to testify against each other.



Introduced by Assemblyman Richard Floyd, D-Gardena, the bill also is opposed by the American Civil Liberties Union. **E**

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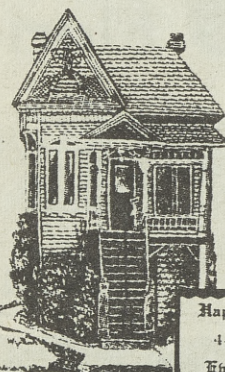
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Members discuss personal experiences as well as nationwide boycott of businesses.

The rooms offer something for everyone. See an interesting license plate on the freeway? Share it with others. Want to be a poet? Write a poem. Have a question on relationships? There are rooms for all these.

With more than 120 rooms to play with, members can find topics on everything from the ridiculous to the sublime. Fan clubs for Star Trek and Madonna, plus subjects like entertainment, home electronics, jobs, financial help, free legal advice, medical and veterinary assistance. There are even rooms for abuse survivors.

The BBS's are many things to many people. For some they are an opportunity to discover themselves and a few friends. For others they are an on-going hobby that allows them to keep up with events, information and friendships without having to pick up a newspaper, watch T.V. or leave the privacy of their home. For many, gay BBS's are the wave of the future. **E**



# African American Gays Gather for Conference

by Lonnie Jones

For too long, the gay and lesbian bars of Sacramento have been the meeting places of mostly white gays and lesbians, as well as those gays and lesbians of color who are attracted to them.

While Sacramento has seen the acceptance of gays and lesbians of color into the local gay/lesbian community, there has never been any formal outreach such as in the case of women's programs.

Groups such as Black Men's Xchange, which meets every Friday, and other interracial groups are being formed in the local area without much fanfare and has a lot to do with the community acceptance of such organizations in Sacramento.

The local BMX group offers an alternative to the bar scene and to loneliness and isolation. At meetings lesbians and gay men of color discuss how to cultivate and save relation-

ships, AIDS education and information, spiritual support, political empowerment, black love and intimacy. Meetings also have the possibility of developing quality friendships and relationships.

On February 14 to 16, in Oakland, BMX and the African-American Men's Support Services and Survival Institute (AMASSI) held one of the most empowering and loving gatherings of black men who love men, and black women who love women ever seen in the nation. Friday's events were titled "African-American: A Celebration of Life 'Living in the Age of AIDS.'" Among other topics, the focus was on outreach strategies and

HIV/AIDS services implemented across the country that have been successful in reaching black men, women and children infected with HIV/AIDS. Creative AIDS education and prevention programs that have served to reinforce the safe-sex message in the African-American community.

Saturday featured a time for inner-cultural/sexual understanding and empowerment. Sisters and brothers from across the country came together to tackle issues that have prevented people of color from working together in the past and to search for a more positive and loving way to work with one another, based on their common heritage.

Saturday night, BMX made 'em sweat with a "Throw Down JAMM" BMX-style at Club Bella Napoli. "African attire" was admired this night as well. Although the dance ended at 2 a.m., BMX members were reluctant to leave when the dance was over. Many lingered afterwards to

chat and took a late dinner at JJ North's, a local restaurant in Oakland's gay area. Through dialogue with other chapters, BMX Sacramento found that gays and lesbians of color are finding ways to discover the beauty inherent in themselves. By doing so, they are finding more avenues of interpersonal relationships open to them. By studying their histories and joining gay/lesbian cultural groups, many black lesbians and gay men have found huge untapped resour-

ces of gay men and women of color in their neighborhoods.

Sunday was dedicated to the BMX national retreat, a time for all chapters to come together to discuss their future goals and to assist others who may be interested in establishing chapters of BMX (or BWX) in their cities. As is customary, a circle of brotherhood was formed, goodbyes said and hugs lavished on one another.

For more information about BMX, call 487-0439.

## Candidates Decide Not to Run

Amid rumors and hopes that the gay community would finally have openly gay candidates running for major local offices, three prospective hopefuls -- who had already taken out papers and tossed their hats into the ring -- decided to withdraw. None felt they were ready to run.

"I'm really sorry that no openly gay candidate is running for office this time," said Rosanna Herber, a member of the River City Democratic Club and past chair of Sacramento Area Career Women's Network. "Although we have

openly gay people in some positions, I think it's time for a gay man or lesbian to step forward and run for a high public office."

Sacramento realtor Vicki Pfingst had been the most visible of the prospective run-

ners.

"I've had this seed germinating within me for years," said Pfingst. "The way to make changes is to get out there and be visible."

Pfingst was planning to run for District 8, a newly created area that encompasses Meadowview and Executive Airport as well as portions of Valley Hi and Laguna.

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## CAPPAC Sets Annual Dinner

**T**he California Capitol Political Action Committee (CAPAC)'s date for its fourth annual fundraising gala will be May 30, at the Sacramento Community Convention Center Metropolitan Room.

The event which is usually attended by many local and state elected officials, will feature the dramatic presentation, *Sacramento Stories*. It portrays the personal stories of gays and lesbians in the fight for equal rights. This year's presentation will focus on renewed activist in the gay community due to Governor Pete Wilson's October veto of AB

101, a civil rights bill for lesbians and gays. Wilson's action resulted in protests by gays and lesbians in cities throughout the State, including a major rally in Sacramento which drew more than 4,000 demonstrators to the capitol.

Established in 1988, CAPAC is Sacramento's bi-partisan, lesbian and gay political action committee. Tickets for the dinner are \$75 a person. Call Cathi Meyers at 423-1475 for more info.

## Founder Speaks on Project 10

**T**he woman who started the first gay outreach in a public

high school, Virginia Uribe, will speak about the program she founded and how it helps gay youth at noon on Tuesday, March 24, in the Redwood Room at CSUS.

Programs like Uribe's Project 10 have since been adopted at many schools across the country, including some in San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Delaware and Maryland.

The Fairfax High School biology teacher started the outreach program in 1984 when a gay student dropped out of high school because of harassment.

Uribe will talk about ways people can meet and plan for such occurrences.

## SLCC Marks First Anniversary

**S**acramento Lesbians Creating Change celebrates its first anniversary this March. Last year at this time a handful of powerful women, organized by Mary Smith and Donna Yutzky,

artistically molded the organization out of dozens of thoughts, feelings and ideas.

During the past year, SLCC had a banner at the Mother's Day Rally for Breast Cancer in May, had a booth at the Lambda Freedom Fair in June, and an AB 101 fund-raiser in early 1992, plus the dances and decisions made in 12 months of organizing.

They currently have more than 125 members and are planning a full calendar of events for 1992 as well as a New Year's Eve bash. For info on SLCC call 448-3130.

## QN Takes on Oscar Bash

**Q**ueer Nation Sacramento has joined forces with QN Los Angeles and other QN chapters nationwide to fight homophobia in Hollywood by taking QN to the Oscars. A massive protest of the Academy Awards has been organized for March 30 to send a

message that homophobia will not be tolerated.

Are you tired of being portrayed as a "homicidal man-hating lesbian", or a "carnivorous drag queen?" Are you sick of hearing excuses for why positive lesbian and gay scenes are cut at the last minute? Are you fed up with people like Michael Douglas, Oliver Stone, Carolco and Tri-Star making portrayals of lesbians and gays on the golden screen? Call 863-2518, ext. 3030 for details.

## Gay Republican Elected in Burbs

**C**alifornia's November 1991 general elections marked a first for gay Republicans: a gay Republican candidate was elected to office. Kevin Wadsworth was elected, for a two-year term, to the Grassy Run Community Services District in El Dorado County. For rural areas, Community Service Districts are much like city councils which provides general services such as maintaining roads, parks, cable service, etc.

Upon taking office, Wadsworth was elected President of the board by the other board members.

"Our issues are local," notes Kevin. "That I happen to be gay was not and is not an issue. That I have experience and am considered competent by my peers is, to me, a very important issue."

Retired for nearly two years due to HIV, Wadsworth is also Secretary of the El Dorado AIDS Task Force and President of Log Cabin, Sacramento.

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# getting OUTTA TOWN

## Local Woman Honored by SF AIDS Group

by Robert Stacey

**S**acramento resident, Lila Abel, was among those honored for her contributions to San Francisco AIDS charities during the San Francisco AIDS Emergency Fund 10th anniversary dinner Feb. 28.

Abel contributed scarves which she crocheted in the colors of the rainbow flag. Available in regular or "teddy bear" size, proceeds from the sale of the scarves went to the AIDS Emergency Fund.

"When I asked myself who needed help the most and was least likely to get it, this is what came up," Abel explained. "I had a friend whose nephew had AIDS. He

killed himself. I wanted to do something."

That something turned out to be her "scarf project," started in 1988 while living in Seattle. Abel agreed to make a few rainbow scarves for her son and his friends in San Francisco, if they in turn would donate money to organizations serving people with AIDS. Each scarf brought a donation of \$15 to



Lila Abel's scarves raised more than \$10,000 for AIDS charities.

\$25. The scarves proved to be more popular than she anticipated.

"When I started, I thought

'wouldn't it be wonderful if I could raise \$300,'" said Abel.

Four years later the "scarf lady," as she's now known, has made more than 700 scarves and generated donations of more than \$10,000.

The scarves sell at a seasonal shop called Under One Roof which opens at The Names Project for Christmas shopping. Gifts from each of the participating AIDS organizations are featured with proceeds of sales used to support those organizations. There currently are discussions under way that would make Under One Roof a year-round operation.

The rainbow scarves have been an AIDS Emergency exclusive for the past two years.

"I wanted the money to go to the people who need it most - people with AIDS" said Abel.

In 1991, the SF AIDS Emergency Fund provided direct grants to 2,691 people with AIDS from a budget of \$942,000.

Abel, who will continue to make scarves that take some four hours to create, hopes that more people her age will contribute their talents to help people with AIDS. "I don't have a patent on what I do. Anyone can knit or crochet. Besides, keeping your hands busy is the best therapy in the world," said Abel.

With the Christmas season only nine months away, Abel plans to keep those hands very busy.

## Boy Scouts Facing Battle Over Homophobia

by Miles Kerley

**C**alifornia Boy Scouts are facing a messy battle when it comes to homosexuality. Boy Scouts of America specifically excludes anyone gay from membership.

That policy recently was challenged by the Bay Area United Way, a five-county agency which planned to hand out more than \$1 million to Boy Scouts in the area.

In the local area, a San Jose troop also wants to remove the "heterosexuals only" clause in their charter.

The Bay Area United Way prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. To qualify for United Way funding, Bay Area Boy Scout councils would need to get a change in the national policy or an exemption.

Neither alternative is acceptable to Boy Scouts of America.



Queers at United Way meeting.

rica national headquarters.

"Our stance is very clear. If for any reason, a scout troop believes that they cannot support the oath, we have no choice but to revoke their charter," said Blake Lewis, spokesperson for the BSA. Recent discussions of homosexuality as a choice versus a genetic orientation "would have no effect on our position" Lewis further stated.

In the Sacramento area, no challenges have been mounted to the BSA's national policy.

"I feel that it should be a matter of choice, but the policy of BSA is a national policy issue, not a local one of choice or personal views," said Bob Mazzucca, executive director of the Golden Empire

Council.

When they join, scouts are required to take an oath to keep themselves "morally straight." Since the BSA policy states that homosexuality is immoral, the phrase is interpreted to mean "heterosexual."

"Scouting has always reflected the values, standards and ideals of the traditional American family. We do not believe that homosexuals provide a

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## Sierra AIDS Expanding

by Karen Jay

**T**he Sierra Foothill AIDS Foundation has recently expanded its services to include people in the Sacramento area.

Case managers can help people find food and housing, medical care and rehabilitation

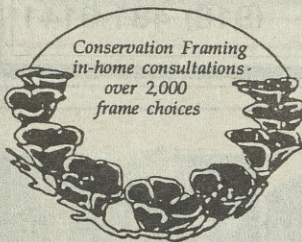
programs. Case managers also can help clients deal with state and county agencies for such services as Social Security and Medical.

"We can offer services to anyone in the Sacramento area," said Bill Rau, former exec. director. "We want to provide services where there has been none before. It is very important that people who are HIV+ know these services are available to them."

Case managers also can

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## Drug Company Adding ddC to Free Tests

by Carlos Melendez

**T**he Hoffmann-La Roche pharmaceutical company announced that it would distribute ddC free of charge to those who qualify for two new expanded drug access programs.

One new program, which company officials plan to institute "sometime in mid-March," will distribute ddC nationwide to individuals who are HIV+, who have HIV related symptoms and less than 300 T-helper (CD4) cells.

The second program, which is still in the planning stages, will distribute ddC to HIV+ persons with T-helper cells in the 300 to 500 range.

The new Hoffmann-La Roche ddC distribution program is in response to a recent FDA investigation surrounding the quality of under-

ground versions of ddC available at buyer clubs. Numerous "buyer clubs" around the country market alternative HIV treatments to the HIV+ consumer.

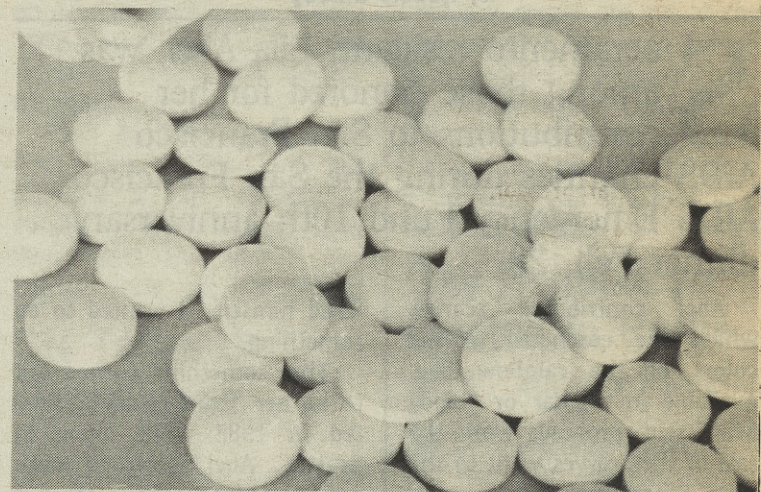
FDA officials investigated underground ddC after consumer inquiries prompted the agency's attention. After testing samples of ddC from two different batches obtained from buyers clubs in New York and San Francisco, FDA investigators reported that some of the capsules contained no active ingredient, while others contained poten-

tially dangerous amounts of the drug.

After analysis of the drug samples, the FDA "strongly urged" the immediate halt of all underground sales of ddC, effectively cutting off the supply of the drug to an estimated 15,000 HIV+ people across the country.

Preliminary research results had previously shown that a combination utilizing AZT with ddC appears to have a greater anti-viral effect than either drug alone. The added benefit of the combination therapy, according to the preliminary research data, is that less amounts of both AZT and ddC required are for anti-viral effectiveness.

Consequently, the likelihood of toxic drug reactions is also greatly reduced. "The drug ddC has been used successfully by many HIV infected persons who acquired the drug through a buyers club," stated



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**Hoffman La Rouch is making ddC available for trials - free.**

Michael Katz, M.D., Chief of the Research Branch, San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office.

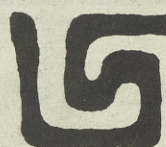
Individuals who would like to initiate a AZT/ddC treatment regimen can obtain the drug through their primary physician. The paperwork involved with the first phase of the ddC distribution program is being streamlined, so

that the drug will reach individuals demonstrating an urgent need for ddC and subsequent combination anti-viral therapy.

Some HIV advocates have expressed concern that the anticipated required paperwork for the second phase of the ddC distribution program may discourage physicians from

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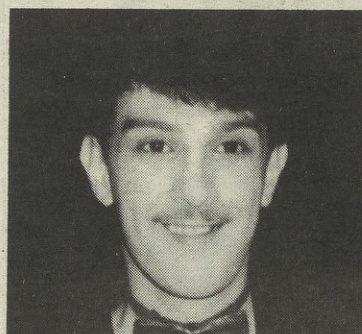
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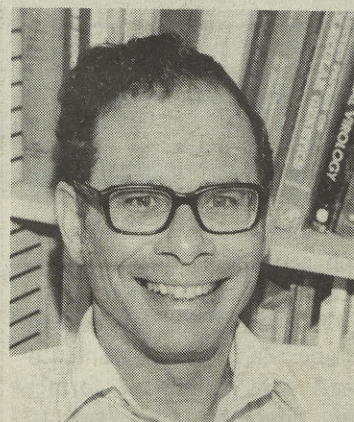
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Portugal and moved to Vallejo in 1968. He lived in Lodi before moving to Sacramento in 1979.

He was active in the Court of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire and held the title of Grand Duchess IV.

Edwin worked as a hair dresser at Park Bench and Hair 2000 before owning his own salon, Scrupples.

He is survived by his parents, his ex-wife Maria and his son Steven and will be missed by his many friends.



**Sidney Richard Snow**

Memorial services are pending for Sidney Richard Snow, professor emeritus of genetics at the University of California, Davis, who died Feb. 11 from

AIDS related illness. He was 62 years old.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Snow received his doctoral degree in botany from UCLA in 1957.

He served as acting chair of the genetics department from 1965 to 1967 and as chair from 1979 to 1984. He was also associate dean of biological sciences in the College of Letters and Science from 1970 to 1975.

An avid orchidist, he was widely recognized for his extensive collection of orchid species. He developed a new technique for orchid seed germination and marketed a laminar flow cabinet kit of his own design for use in orchid propagation and other sterile procedures.

He also was interested in the music of Bach, which he played on the harpsichord.

He is survived by his companion of 18 1/2 years, Warren Roberts, and by his brother, Donald R. Snow.

In lieu of flowers, family and friends request that any memorial contributions be made to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 920 20th St. Sacramento, CA 95814.



# the latest NEWS BITS

## Homophobe OK's Gays in Army

**A**rch-conservative Congressional leader Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) has taken exception to the U.S. military's policy of investigating and discharging gay and lesbian service members, saying he doesn't "see any necessary reason to expel someone from the military" for their private behavior.

Rep. Gingrich, Minority Whip and one of the most influential Republicans in the Congress, has made a name for himself as a hardline conservative. He received an "F" on the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Congressional Report Card for the previous Congress.

NGLTF lobbyists were surprised at Gingrich's statement and said it could influence other members of Congress to sign onto a pro-gay military resolution now in the House and Senate.

## Moscow Gays Open Air Waves

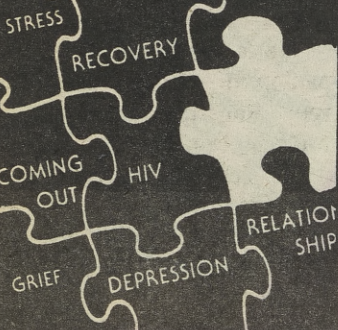
**M**oscow gays and lesbians have launched their own radio show. The premiere broadcast went out New Year's Day on Radio Maximum, a private Russian-American joint venture. For now, the program will appear monthly.

Called "Without Complexes," the show is produced by Moscow activist Aleksandr Rene and Kevin Gardner, the Moscow employee of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, which is headquartered in San Francisco.

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## Rochester Bans School Recruiters

**T**he Rochester school board voted 5-2 Dec. 5 to bar military recruiters from the city's public schools until the Department of Defense drops its policy against enlistment of gays and lesbians. "We need to say something about discrimination in this country," said school board member Karen Grella, who voted for the ban. Pentagon officials said the Rochester district is the first one in the nation to ban military recruiting.

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## Students Think Sex Laws Suck

**S**upport for sodomy laws dropped to a new all-time low among entering college freshmen, gaining support from barely four out of 10, according to a recently released survey conducted last summer by the University of California at Los Angeles.

Only 42.2 percent of all freshmen said they agreed with the statement, "It is important to have laws prohibiting homosexual relationships." The figure represents a two percent decline since the summer of 1990 when 44.4 percent agreed, and an 11 percent drop since 1986 when support was at a maximum.

The question about sodomy laws elicited one of the largest

male/female divergences in the survey. Among males, 53.4 percent supported sodomy laws, but only 32.5 percent of the women did so.

*The Weekly News.*

## Canada Fines Anti-Gay Remarks

**T**he Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has banned broadcasts that abuse gay men and lesbians.

Stations that violate the ban face a \$250,000 fine and individuals who make anti-gay broadcast statements can be fined \$20,000. The Netherlands also fines anti-gay remarks.

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## China Admits Having Gays

**A** new poll found that 2.3 percent of married people living in the countryside and 0.3 percent of those living in cities "admit" to having had gay sex, China Daily reported in December.

As recently as 1989, authorities claimed there were no gays in China and labelled homosexuality a "Western Deviation."

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## Open Gay Runs For U.S. Senate

**J**im Mangia, the San Francisco County Chair of the Peace & Freedom Party has announced that he will run for the U.S. Senate against incumbent Senator John Seymour and challenger Dianne Feinstein. Mangia is the first openly gay candidate in American history to seek a U.S. Senate seat.

"We are running this historic campaign for the U.S.

Senate," said Mangia, who is a long-time independent gay activist, "to begin to open up the political process to openly gay and independent candidates. Both of my opponents have notorious anti-gay records. While Mayor of San Francisco, Feinstein vetoed gay domestic partners legislation and Senator Seymour recently campaigned against AB101. It's time we stood up for ourselves and broke from this abusive marriage with the Democrats and the Republicans. It's time for a divorce!"

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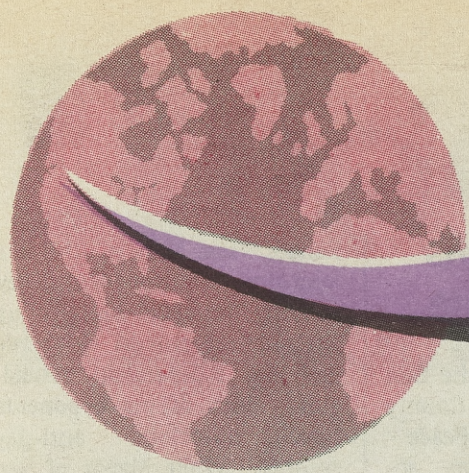
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# PLAN-IT

13 friday

The Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be in the State Capitol Rotunda from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Mar. 13 - 15

**Festival of Animation** at the Crest Theatre. Admission \$6.50 at the door, \$6 in advance, available BASS/TM outlets. For info call 442-5189. **Wed.-Sat. Thru March**



**Pain Transfigured**, an art exhibition commemorating "Women in History" month at Archival Framing, 1729 L St. For info call 444-9624. **Through Mar. 27**



**Russ Dunn's Carhops in Bondage** at 8 p.m. the Old Eagle Theatre, 925 Front St. Old Sac. Call 446-6761 for tickets and info.

**Wknds - indefinitely.**

14 saturday

**1993 March on Washington**, for lesbian, gay and bi equal rights & liberation, 2nd No. Calif. Regional Meeting at the Lambda Center 12 to 4 p.m. 351-0582.



## MONDAYS

**Women's Rap & Social** at the Lambda Center, 7-9 p.m. For info call 442-0185.

**Stop Smoking** a drop-in, self-help program at the Lambda Center 5:30 p.m. For info call 442-0185.

**Lesbian & Gay Town Council** meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the County Administration Bldg, 7th & H St. For info call 448-0422.

**Women's Group for Survivors of Sexual Abuse** meets every other Monday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Facilitator: Melinda Facelli, MFCC (Intern) #IMF 15850. For info and location call 783-0579.

**SAGA IV Roller Skating Parties** are the third Monday of each month from 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. King's Skate Country, Bradshaw & Hwy 50. For info 635-1535.

**Men's Coming Out Group** at the Lambda Center from 5:30 - 7 p.m. For info call 442-0185.

**Affirmation: United Methodists** for lesbian & gay concerns meets the 1st Monday of each month at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. For info call 489-2340.

## TUESDAYS

**Being Gay Today**, 10 p.m. on cable 18. One hour of lesbian & gay programming from around the country & beyond.

**Gay & Lesbian Student Union** Rm. A-7, Sac. City College at 12 noon. For more info call 381-7141.

**Heart to Heart** a mens discussion group at the AIDS Foundation, 920 20th St. from 6:30 - 8 p.m. For info call 448-2437.

## THURSDAYS

**Being Gay Today**, 9 p.m. on cable 18. One hour of lesbian & gay programming from around the country & beyond.

**Being Alive Living Room HIV+** support group from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Lambda Center. Call 442-0185 for info.

**Women's Coming Out Group** at the Lambda Center from 6 - 7:30 p.m. For info 442-0185.

**GLAS** meets at 8 p.m. in the Board Chambers of the Student Union CSUS. For info call 429-1360

## FRIDAYS

**Country Western Dance** (lessons too!) at 7:30 p.m. in the activity center of River City MCC, 34th & Broadway. For info call 454-4726.

**Cafe Lambda** features select coffee, house desserts and occasional entertainment from 8 p.m. - midnight at the Lambda Center. For info call 442-0185.

## SUNDAYS

**Christian Community Fellowship** meets in the wreck room at 2 p.m. Call 731-7620 for info.

**Tea Dance at FACES** 3 - 7 p.m., barbecue 5 p.m., country/western dancing begins at 7 p.m.

# March



15 sunday

**Dolly Parton** performs at the Sacramento Community Theatre at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$27.50, available at Community Center Box office and all BASS/TM Outlets.



**La Cage Awful**, at the Townhouse, 7 p.m. also, the announcement of candidates for Emperor and Empress of CGNIE.

16 monday



**Meet the Candidates** for Mayor & City Council at Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th St. at 6:30 p.m. For info call RCDC at 448-2383.

17 tuesday

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**Paddy's Pig Party** at the Wreck Room, 2513 Broadway. Patrick's Day, all day long

**St. Patrick's Day Party** at the Townhouse. Call 441-5122 for more info.

**Ray Charles with the Sacramento Symphony** at 8 p.m. Arco Arena. Tickets are \$18-\$30 at BASS/TM Outlets.



Join the Campaign! The Sacramento National Coming Out Day Committee will meet at 7 p.m. at the Lambda Center. For info 481-0105.

19 thursday

**Ms. Stripper of the Year Contest** Cafe San Marcos, 2367 Market St. S.F. 8 p.m. \$10 (415) 346-8908.



20 friday

SACWN presents a **"Women's Herstory Concert"** with Judy Fjell at the Clarion Inn at 7:30 p.m. For tickets and info call 486-8985.

**Quilt Art Show**, opening reception at WCIC, 3553 3rd Ave. For info call 457-8661.

**Los Angeles Gay Rodeo** hosted by Golden State Gay Rodeo Assoc. at the L.A. Equestrian Center. For info call (310) 498-1675. **Mar. 20 - 22**



**Gay Families support group** for gay men & lesbians with children or those considering parenthood. 4th Sunday each month call 387-8862.

**Prosperity Class** at the Church of Joy, 7 p.m. For info call 489-7503.



**Hot SLCC Nite:** presents Marsha Oritt, Financial planning beyond the paycheck. 7 p.m. for info call 687-7282.

The Crocker Art Museum displays recent photographs of Daniel Baboir. For info call 449-5423. **Mar. 20 - May 24**



## 21 saturday

**International Ms. Leather Contest** at Club Townsend, 177 Townsend St. in San Francisco. (415) 626-1672

**Star's Talent Showcase** for local singers, rappers and dancers. Grand prize \$1,000. For audition times and locations call 921-2984.

**Andra Dare Live** special guest John Mcreea at Cafe Montreal, 2326 K Street. \$3 cover. For info call 446-9323.



The Lambda Players present: **The Men of Manhattan** a play about New York gay life, written by John Glines. 8:15 p.m. For info call 444-3261.

**Weekends thru April 19**

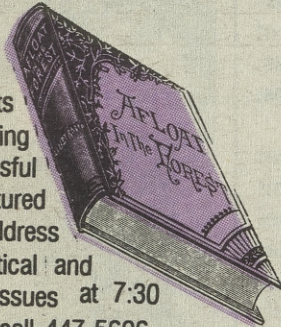
**San Francisco Gay Tennis Federation** hosts A-B-C Doubles Tournament. For info call (415) 550-1820.

**Mar. 21 & 22**

## 22 sunday

**An Evening With Dr. Ruth** at the Crest Theatre, 4 p.m. Lecture & hors d'oeuvres: \$25, lecture & dinner: \$100 per person, \$150 per couple. For reservations & info call 969-5936.

**Time Tested Books** presents the fifth reading in its successful series. Featured poets will address economic, political and environmental issues at 7:30 p.m. For info call 447-5696.



## 24 tuesday

**Project 10 Founder Virginia Uribe** will be speaking on "Gay & Lesbian Youth: A Population at Risk" in the Redwood Room of the Student Union at CSUS at 12 noon.

## 25 wednesday

Auditions for **The Lambda Players** next play, *Levitation* at the Lambda Center from 7 - 10 p.m. For info call 442-0185.

**Mar. 25 & 26**

**Women's Voices II...** song-writers showcase (Cafe Montreal, 2326 K St.; Shannon Savage, Katrina Brown and Laurie Ann Barnes. For show time/info call 446-9323.

## 26 thursday

Frameline's Out On Thurs day presents **Neo Lesbo Video**, a collection of recent work by California based artists at 7:30 p.m. at the Eye Gallery (1151 Mission St, San Francisco). For tickets and info call (415) 861-5245.

## 28 saturday

**Bare Chest Competition** at the Wreck Room, 2513 Broadway. Call 456-1181 for details.

## 29 sunday

**Alta Redondo** performs a fundraiser for the Children's Home Society, WEAVE & CARES in the FACES Video Room 7:30 p.m.

**March for Women's Lives** in San Francisco, Justin Herman Plaza, 11 a.m. (415) 546-7211.

## 30 monday

**Lesbians Loving Latex-Sexuality of the 90's** a Healthy Living workshop at the Sac AIDS Foundation, 920 20th St., 7-9 p.m. For info call 448-2437.

**"An Evening At The Academy Awards"** fun, trivia & food at the Crest Theatre, \$40 begins at 5 p.m. For info call 446-6505.

## 31 tuesday

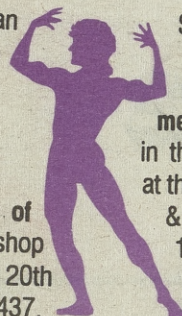
Canadian Feminist folksinger **Ferron** performs at 7 & 9:30 p.m. at the Palms Davis. Tickets available at Barney's in Davis & Howe Ave. Box Office.

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# April



## 6 monday

**Wine Tasting & Sports Fashion Show** will be at the Town House from 6 - 9 p.m. \$15 admission, benefit for SAGA IV. For info call 635-1535.

## 9 thursday

**Global Mountain Appeal and the Earth Summit** a discussion with Jack Ives as part of a series in preparation for the Earth Summit at 7 p.m. 909 12th St. For info call 448-6017.

## 11 saturday

The fabulous Country duo **Open Road** will perform at River City MCC. For info call 454-4762.

## 13 monday

**Legal Issues Around HIV:** a Healthy Living workshop presented by Carolyn Langenkamp and associates at Sacramento AIDS Foundation, 920 20th St., from 7 - 9 p.m. For info call 448-2437.

## 14 tuesday

**Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change,** General Meeting at 7 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center. For info call 448-3130.

**Sacramento Leather Daddy - Daddy's Boy Contest** at the Wreck Room, 2513 Broadway. 10 p.m. Call 456-1181

## 18 saturday

**Karen Ripley and Over Our Heads,** presented by SACWN. At the Holiday Inn, 7 p.m. networking, 8 p.m. show. For tickets call 486-8985.

**Vote for Emperor and Empress of CGNIE.** Lambda Community Center porch between the hours of 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

## 19 sunday

Happy Easter!



## 1 wednesday

**April Fools Day!**

## 2 thursday

**Jean-Michel Cousteau** will discuss the "Rediscovery of the World" at 8 p.m. in Freeborn Hall at UC Davis. Tickets are \$6 - \$10 at BASS/TM outlets or the Campus Box office. For info call 757-3199.

## 3 friday

SLCC presents a **Country Western Dance for Gay men and Lesbians** in the Camellia Room at the Tuesday Club, 27th & L Streets, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dance lessons from 8-9 p.m. For info call 448-3130.

**The Flying Karamazov Brothers** perform "Theater of the Air" in Freeborn Hall at 2 & 8 p.m. at UC Davis. Tickets are \$4 - \$15 available at BASS/TM outlets For info call 757-3199.

**9th Annual Teddy Bear Convention** in Nevada City. Tons of fun & Teddy Bears For info call 265-5804.

**Apr. 3-5**

### Youth

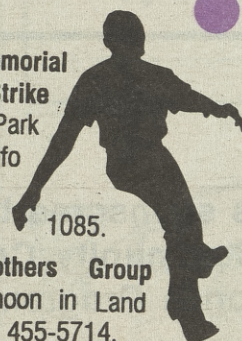
**Dance** at Cafe Lambda, 8 p.m. to midnight, under 21 only. Refreshments, non-smoking, no alcohol. Free, for info call 442-0185.

## 5 sunday

**Tim Warford Memorial Bowl-a-thon to "Strike Out AIDS"** Land Park Bowl. For more info call the Lambda Center at 442-1085.

**The Lesbian Mothers Group** picnic/potluck at noon in Land Park. For info call 455-5714.

**March for Women's Lives** in Washington D.C. for details call CARAL (415) 546-7211.





# Music Circus Puts On a "Tuna" With Taste

by Chris Narloch

Imagine a hipper, politically correct version of "Hee Haw" and you might have an idea of the laughs in store at "Greater Tuna," the current offering of Music Circus.

The gender-bending play, which originated as a satire on the Moral Majority, will con-

tinue through April 5th at the 24th Street Theatre.

The story chronicles one

day in the life of Tuna -- the third-smallest town in Texas -- and its small-minded inhabitants. With the help of split-second timing, this quick-change marvel manages to fill the stage with twenty distinct characterizations, all played by two actors. Greg Currie and Larry Randolph masterfully portray the townsfolk -- male and female -- who range in



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Greg Currie as Vera Carp and Larry Randolph as Rev. Spikes.

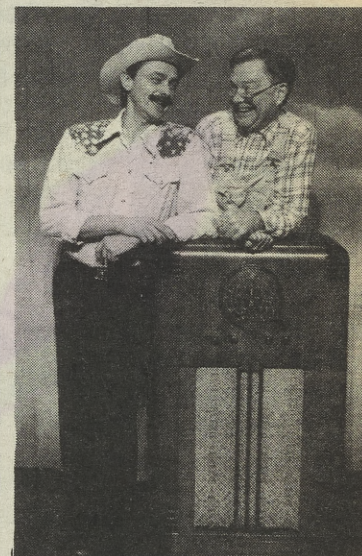
age from teenagers to senior citizens.

Randolph uses his skills as a dialogue director to wonderful effect in his characters, allowing each one to sound unique. His Bertha Bumiller, a down-trodden housewife in lime green polyester, is flat-out hilarious. A close second is Aunt Pearl Burras, a sweet-looking old lady who just happens to be a poisoner of dogs. Randolph's rednecks, like the sadistic Sheriff Givens, also are on target.

Greg Currie, though not the wizard of dialect that his partner is, nevertheless etches his own brilliant Tuna-ites with skillful body language and perfect costuming. His Vera Carp, one of the local Smut Snatchers attired in kitty-cat glasses and a pill-box hat, is eye-popping fun. Petey Fisk, dorky animal rights crusader, and Charlene Bumiller, cheerleader reject, are two of the play's more sympathetic characters.

Throughout the story, the inhabitants of Tuna collide in unexpected ways. There are UFO sightings and used weapons merchants to keep audiences laughing. But what makes the work more than just two hours of clever sketches is the message between the jokes. By the time Reverend Spikes begins his tirade on book banning --

"Romeo and Juliet" will have to go -- we realize without realizing it, that we've swallowed some clever social criticism. This liberal play is so good, it has been performed for such non-liberals as George Bush and Jerry Falwell.



Funny lines run the show.

It shows that comedy is the best way to serve up a "bitter pill," a phrase that takes on a whole new meaning in one of "Greater Tuna's" great scenes.

The play has traveled the country with different casts for 10 years, with long runs in New York and San Francisco. The Sacramento premier is your chance to find out what all the fuss is about. A "Greater Tuna" would be hard to find -- even in a big "tuna" like Sacramento.



# Lambda Players Gaining Success

by Miles Kerley

Entering their third year, the Lambda Players are alive and well, despite setbacks, and are planning a new production.

The Players will be presenting "Men of Manhattan", March 21 - April 19 at the Lambda Center. Written by John Glines and directed by John Mitchell, "Men" deals with scenes from Manhattan gay life familiar to everyone: lover's quarrels, friendships and the incestuous nature of gay life -- knowing you went out with Jeff and Jeff went out with Steve and you went out with Steve! The comedy

the outreach of the gay and lesbian community and portraying positive role models."

Started in December, 1989, with the backing of the Lambda Center, the opening show sold out. During its first year, performances were selected on a show-to-show basis. "You have to establish a certain kind of reputation in order to get the community to take you seriously," said Ramos.

After a positive response from the community, the Players decided to organize and developed a complete gay season for the community. "The Lambda Players were started so the community could have validation of the gay and lesbian lifestyles," said Treganza. That was three years ago.

"As an organization in our third season, the Lambda

through Aug. 23.

"The really exciting aspect about the workshop is that it's for, and hopefully about, our own community," said Peterson.

Funding comes from some donations but mainly ticket sales. Corporate, local or individual sponsors are welcome. "It is not a huge cost to produce a play. But we are looking for someone in the community who would be willing to underwrite a portion of the cost," said Maureen Gaynor, secretary of the steering committee. "There is a small amount of funding from the Lambda Center to start out the season but we have to come up with the money to do the shows."

That's not always easy given the fact most people don't buy tickets in advance.

"People like to wait until the absolute last minute to buy tickets, but we usually sell out."

"Once in a while we are lucky enough to have a sponsor for a show but that happens rarely," added Treganza.

Despite the hard work, the Lambda Players are optimistic about their ability to improve productions and draw in new people.

"One of our big goals is to save money and get into a better performing area. What we have tried to do this year is really step up the quality of theater, the acting, the technical aspects and the theater choices," said Gaynor.

"It is really difficult to reach people," added Ramos. "We want people on our mailing list, we want to get people from the community involved, mostly for their enjoyment. People are always telling me, you know, it's too bad more

people don't get to see this, or I didn't know about it until it closed."

All shows are Saturday and Sunday nights, 8:15 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center, Main Room. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the

door. Each play runs five weeks. Special performances can be arranged.

For more information on the "An Original Women's Piece" workshops or reservations and tickets, call 442-7752 or 442-0185.



Director John Mitchell and the Lambda Players.

has an all male cast. But be forewarned: there is nudity!

"This is definitely 'in your face' theater," said Neil Treganza, production coordinator.

Recently, the Lambda steering committee met to discuss upcoming productions.

In May, the Players will present "Levitation" by Timothy Mason. "This is our balance show, it's right in the middle and leaves you with a warm fuzzy feeling. The main character is gay and trying to deal with his parents' mortality as well as his own losses, but this isn't an AIDS play," said Treganza.

"Bringing gay and lesbian theater to Sacramento is what the Lambda Players are all about," said Terri Ramos, chair. "One thing that happens with the Players is that we all have been thrust into being 'open.' We are very much involved in promoting

Players are very dedicated to being equal about the plays presented. Of the four planned for this season, two dealt with women's issues and two with men's."

But finding plays about lesbians is sometimes hard.

"We have had difficulty finding new pieces. We find that there seems to be more pieces for the men. We are working on broadening our horizons," said Gregg Peterson, a playwright working with Lambda.

The last show of the season will be "An Original Women's Piece," by Peterson with direction by Ramos. Even though the play is written by a man, the Players are hoping to use community workshops -- which are open to the public -- to develop characters through a series of exercises and improvisations. It will run from July 25



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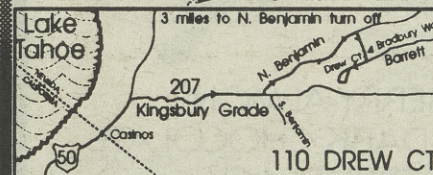
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## SCOUTS

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role model consistent with these values," said Lewis.

Scouts are not specifically interviewed to determine, or required to express, their sexual orientation. But anyone in a scouting program who realizes he is homosexual would be expected to resign.

In early February, San Jose's Boy Scout Troop 206 became the first to directly challenge the national policy. A resolution rejecting the sexual orientation requirement was formulated by Scoutmaster Michael Cahn and his son Marc who believe that heterosexual orientation is not

a relevant requirement for membership.

By challenging the national policy, Troop 206 hopes to "make room" for individuals who would like to join the organization, but are dissuaded by the oath. Regarding Troop 206, Michael Cahn said "we didn't lose any kids, but it's certainly interfered with our recruiting -- and some of the kids are getting teased at school. But generally, the kids and parents are very supportive."

Despite avowals to the contrary, BSA national leadership made an exception for the San Jose troop when their charter came up for renewal at the end of February. ⚡

## SIERRA

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provide counseling. They generally check in with clients at least once a month. "We want to make sure that no one is allowed to fall through the cracks," said Rau.

The Foundation also provides family support groups which meet weekly, and groups for HIV+ persons.

Anyone who is HIV+ and needing assistance can go to the agency, which recently received money through the Ryan White CARE Act to handle the growing AIDS caseload in the area. "The growth rate for AIDS in our area is 300%, and we want to meet the growing needs for those who are HIV+," said Rau.

Because of this funding, a new office will be set up to serve Amador and Calaveras counties. Until now, minimal services have been provided by county health departments in these areas. Services also will be provided to clients living in Sacramento near the Placer

County line since it often is a hardship on individuals living in the rural areas of Sacramento to get services in the downtown area. "It is truly a regional approach to case management," said Rau. ⚡

## LETTERS

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because they are gay.

Although we're the 'labeled' group that loves everyone we must reserve our culture to ourselves. We can share but we must set limits. We gay people and only we gay people have the right to fully benefit from what we have struggled too hard to obtain.

Jan Christoph Halston

## Gays Infiltrate Military

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to a letter written by Michelle Kunert, "Why would Gays join the military?"

First of all, militarism is the biggest teacher of hatred and violence, period, not only towards gay people. I was involved in Desert Storm as well as many other 'operations' but did not and do not agree with war or many of the military's policies. But did it ever occur to you that to affect change in any organization, it is sometimes necessary to infiltrate that organization? There are many people trying to change policies, attitudes, etc. from within the military. I am one of these people. I am a lesbian who has been in the military on a flight crew for about eight years. My lover and I have attended squadron functions together for the past four years (she is not military). I'm as out as I can be without actually saying "I'm Gay," although I have told many people in my squadron. The rest think they know. I can assure you that by the people I work with getting to know me, their attitudes have changed for the better, some dramatically. I am not the only 'out' lesbian or gay in my squadron, there are quite a few of us.

Secondly, many people go into the military to flee an unhappy or unhealthy home life. It is their only viable means of 'escape'. Also some people didn't know they were gay until after they enlisted, myself included.

I enjoy my job in the military, and yes, it is restrictive. If we don't fight for our rights everywhere, we can't expect to have any; fortunately a lot of us are quietly fighting from the inside.

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# Berlin, Soft Cell and Bananarama Return

by Bill Peterson

**M**y how time flies! It seems like only yesterday the airwaves were chiming with Berlin's "No More Words," Soft Cell's "Tainted Love" and Bananarama's "Cruel Summer."

It probably was yesterday, if you listen to KWOD. But let's get our old friends together and have a reunion of the class of, well the early eighties!

Oh, look, there's Terri Nunn! Remember her? She always wore short, short mini's and striped tube tops in auto shop and told really bad jokes! She also sang in BERLIN. Remember those classics "Sex (I'm A...)," "The Metro," and "Take my Breath Away?" Terri is still working down at the convenience store on the corner, but she has a new solo album, "Moment of Truth." KWOD plays "Desire Me" regularly so you may know the titillating lyrics "I said in sweat/Lust/Rug/Burn/I keep on crawling, but I never, never learn." How honest Nunn is, it's the same song she's sung for years. Boring, and I used to be a firm be-

liever in the genius of Berlin! Nevertheless, if you're tired of waiting for a new HEART album, this will probably satisfy your craving with several play-by-numbers sing-alongs, "Let Me Be The One" and "Who's Gonna Take You Home Tonight." Nunn still has a firey voice, but the material with most songs are co-written by Nunn, turns this outing into a passable, but none too interesting, listen.

Over by the punchbowl is Soft Cell's Marc Almond. Oh, you remember, he was one of the first people in class to get a tattoo, a fake i.d and hangs out at bars. After his royalties from "Tainted Love" made him wealthy, he spent several years jetting to the hotspots of the world living the high life. "We've tasted every thrill/Every powder every pill/ and we're still here." Now he's back to tell us great stories! On his new album, "Tenement Symphony," we hear about the tragic of a male stripper named "Champagne," and about Marc's love-juggling act. "I lied to her like I lied to him/ I lie to myself about everything." Almond's tunes

are all thumpy enough to dance to, especially "Jacky" and the anthemic "Hand Over My Heart."

Now, check her out! What's her nametag say? "Hello, my name is Siobhan?" No way! It's our old pal from Bananarama, Siobhan Fahey. I heard a rumor that she left her Bananapals to marry Mr. Eurythmic, Dave Stewart, and had a baby and...now has a new album out? SHAKE-SPEAR'S SISTER's debut was a joy with bouncy hook-filled songs plus contrasting vocals between Fahey and partner Marcella Detroit. The new album, "Hormonally Yours," is more of the same. but don't be fooled by the sunny, sweet sound. The lyrics deal predominantly with failed or failing relationships with other perky songs tossed in about drug addiction and the state of the world. But it is this edge, sweet and dour, that gives "Hormonally Yours" its charm.

Since we have had so much fun at this get-together, let's plan the next one right now! Looking forward to the



reunion of 1999 is the theme of "Until The End Of The World," the soundtrack to the Wim Wenders film which features some great performances by such artists as Neneh Cherry, Elvis Costello, Julee Cruise, Depeche Mode, k.d.lang, and Jane Siberry's beautiful "Calling All Angels."

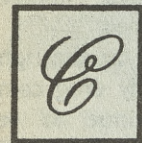


## Mz. Mixit's Top Ten Music Picks

by D.J. Patty Pardue of FACES

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2. Mind Flux - N-Joi
3. To Blind to See it - Kym Sims
4. We Got A Love Thang - Ce Ce Peniston
5. Hold On (Tighter to Love) - Clubland
6. Vibeology - Paula Abdul
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## RIGHTS

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rights of gay job applicants and employees.

"There are too many things in the civil rights bill that would cast Wilson in the mode of...a David Duke," said Brown in a press conference March 3. "I don't think Pete Wilson would want to be any closer to that than he already is."

David Duke is a former Ku Klux Klan leader now running for President on the Republican ticket.

Called the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1992, Brown's package also includes numerous provisions. One would bring California into line with federal laws on disability discrimination. Another would make it illegal for employers to require English in the workplace, unless necessary for business.

Although both legislators hope to embarrass Wilson into signing gay rights legislation this time round, Friedman's bill takes a different tack. It uses Wilson's own veto justification as the basis for the bill: that no special legislation was needed because gays already were protected from discrimination by court cases.

"It's a pragmatic but not less effective approach," said Rand Martin, consultant to Friedman. "Terry is just putting the bill into the form Wilson supported previously."

The problem with court cases is that they can be overturned. One of the cases currently protecting gay rights already is being threatened at the appellate level. Laws passed by the Legislature

cannot be overthrown nearly as easily as court decisions. The chances of a California court reversing a civil rights bill are slim.

Through his spokesperson, Gov. Wilson said it was too early to comment on the proposed legislation, which has just been introduced and still has to pass both houses. Martin said that it could take until the end of August before that sometimes laborious process was completed. **E**

## QN SACTO

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to other cities to support the communities there."

In Fresno, they held a demonstration with Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays at California State University to counter the "First Annual Gay Bashing Party" put on by a group that called itself the Dark Command.

Since it's founding locally, two other groups have also sprung up within QN: LABIA (Lesbians and Bisexual women In Action) focuses on issues affecting women, and United Colors focuses on issues affecting people of color.

Not only was Queer Nation just born in Sacramento but ACT UP Sacramento also regrouped and had their first meeting in February.

ACT UP Sacramento's immediate plans are to work on getting anti-viral drugs such as ddC into the AIDS pipeline.

"We plan on working on the availability of ddC, which is similar to ddi but without the side effects," said Rick Neal, ACT UP member. "ddC is not approved by the FDA [Food and Drug Administra-

tion]. We would like to see it available on a first-stage trial basis."

ACT UP also will be working against a recently-introduced Senate bill which makes it a crime for an HIV positive person to have sex with an uninfected person.

Queer Nation also plans to continue their campaign against local right-wing churches.

"We want people, including the religious right, to know we aren't going to go away," said Greene. "As queers, we are honest, tax-paying citizens. We just don't have the same rights as they do."

For info on Queer Nation, call the Queer Line at 863-2518, ext.3030, and for info on ACT UP call 863-3025. **E**

## STUDENTS

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like to "come out" as part of Center High plans to spend half a staff-day on issues of sexual orientation, including how to best help gay teens cope with the traumas of high school.

One city-wide seminar for teachers, counselors and other staff already has been held at California State University, Sacramento, on March 7. Taught by CSUS professors Marty Rogers and Theresa Corrigan, some 20 educators learned about the role school personnel can play in preventing discrimination and providing a safe educational environment for gay teens.

During the afternoon portion of the day-long seminar, the group covered specific strategies for dealing with homophobia in the classroom. Using different scenarios to

deal with specific problems, participants learned how to handle anti-gay remarks and harassment as well as rumors about AIDS. They also learned how to help gay students stay away from drugs, alcohol and suicide.

"Students are not at higher risk because they are gay. They are at higher risk because they suffer from harassment and isolation," said Corrigan.

"We're trying to show teachers that the issue is removing these external problems so gay kids can just be themselves."

Corrigan hopes to see a similar program in local high schools soon. "We hope to take this program into the schools to train staff there eventually," said Corrigan. "Obviously, it's a very controversial issue but people on staff know it's needed."

For Russell, who now works as the youth outreach coordinator at the Lambda Community Center, help in high school would have made a big difference in his life.

"I wish there had been more support when I was at school," said Russell. **E**

## CANDIDATES

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But after taking into account her future plans, Pfingst changed her mind.

Lesbian and gay activists were hoping that these new candidates would be the beginning of a wave of lesbian and gay politicians. A recent informal meeting of local political activists focused on how to get more gays and lesbians into positions of power.

"There is a perception that gays and lesbians have political power," said Gilbert Martinez who recently was appointed to the County Project Planning Commission.

With a large base of com-

munity support, gays should be able to take the next step of electing their own candidates, once people decide to run.

"We need to look at ways to start working to get gays and lesbians elected," said Nancy Nystrom, past co-chair of Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change.

Although activists are disappointed no openly gay candidates have emerged for this election, the informal group plans to keep pushing. Their next meetings are March 15, 2 p.m., and April 5, 11 a.m., at the Lambda Community Center to discuss further strategies. In the future, they hope to have a candidates forum and a workshop on how to get appointed to boards and commissions. **E**

## FDA

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participating in the program. "Once the study protocol is designed, we can only hope that the paperwork involved to get ddC will not be too complicated," stated Richard Copeland of the Healing Alternatives, a San Francisco based alternative treatment buyers club.

"We're very excited for our clients at the prospect of having ddC available as an alternative treatment to date," said Daniel Sitton, interim executive director of the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. "We're looking forward to ddC availability and the increased treatment options it will provide for people with HIV," added Sue Strong, executive director of CARES. "Combination therapy is the way of the future," emphasized Strong.

San Francisco-based AIDS activist organizations, including ACT UP and Project Inform have been actively involved in negotiations to make the drug available. "The decision of Hoffmann-La Roche is a victory for AIDS activists and HIV infected persons," Katz added.

"This is a step in the right direction. Hopefully drug companies will continue to respond compassionately towards people with HIV," said Franklin Kakies, director of the AIDS Response programs at the Lambda Community Center.

Physicians can contact Hoffmann-La Roche's ddC coordinating center at 1-800-ddC-21-HIV (1-800-332-2144) for complete program enrollment information. **E**

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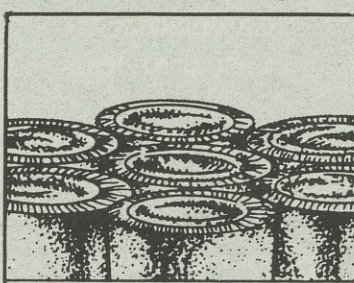
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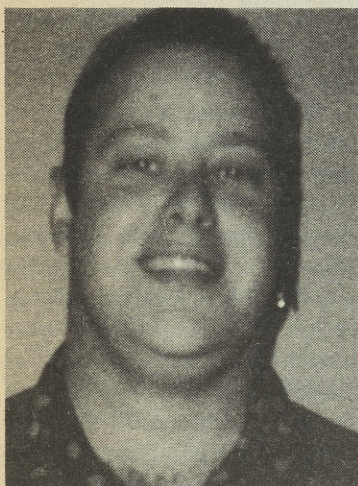
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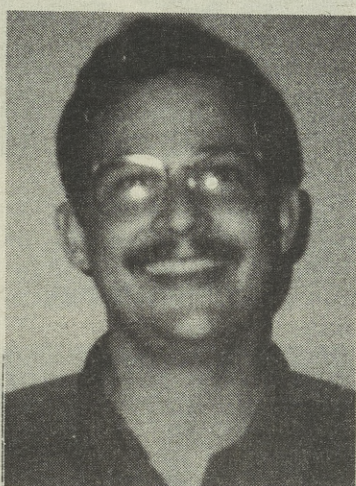
by Karen Jay

## What was the best movie of 1991 and why?



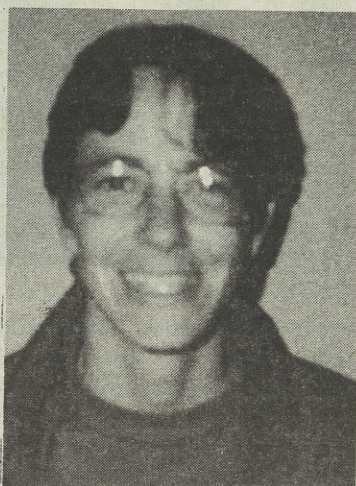
**Michael Farrell**

I liked *Thelma & Louise*. It gave me something to do while I was sitting on the plane coming home from Hawaii. It was a nice break from the stereotypical heterosexual woman. The ending was perfect.



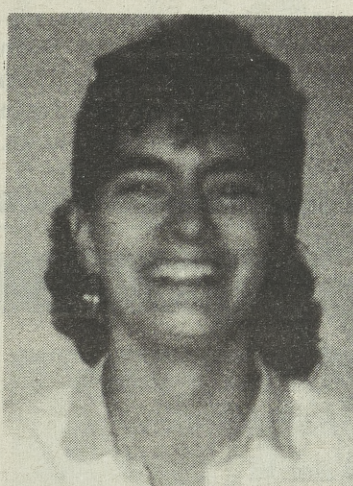
**Steven Hinckley**

*Beauty and the Beast*. The animation was truly spectacular. I got very involved with the wolf scene when the little girl almost got killed. My favorite line from the movie was, "I do all my decorating with antlers."



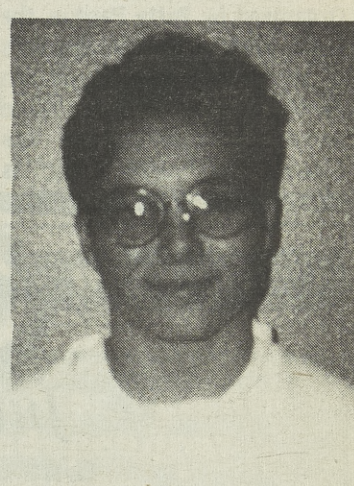
**Deb Young**

*Silence of the Lambs*. Because Jodie Foster is a total fox and I think the director is the closest to Hitchcock that's ever been. The movie had a blend of realism and surrealism that was fantastic.



**Alex Baldwin**

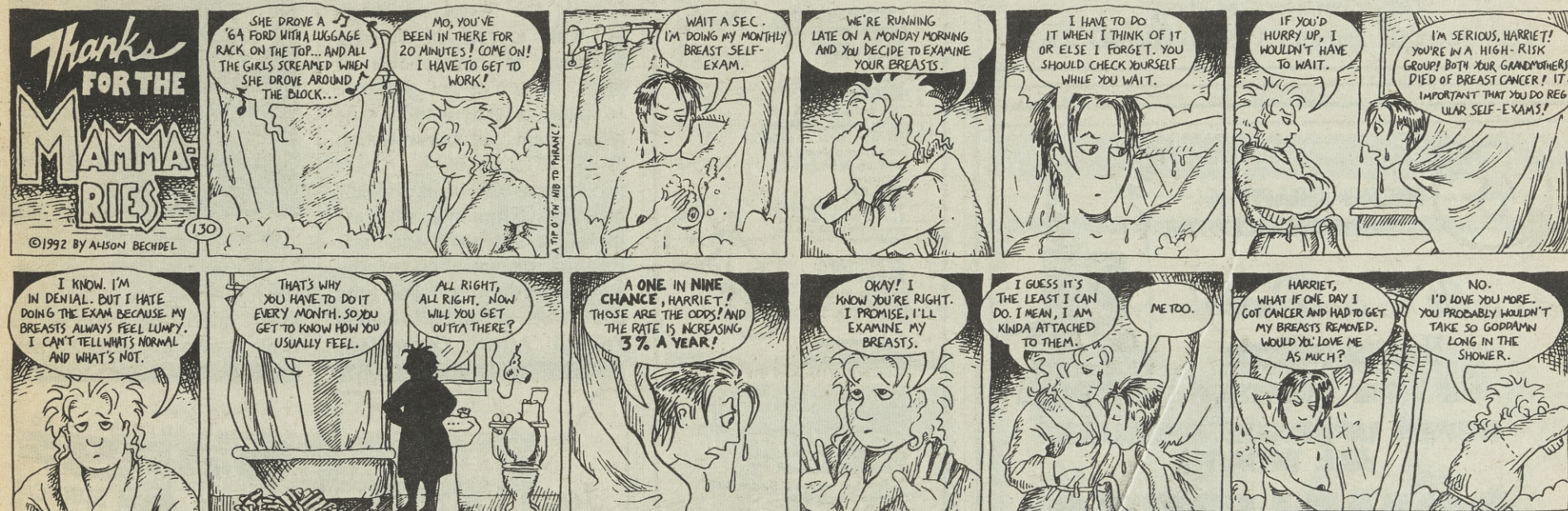
*Thelma & Louise*. I loved that movie. I liked the fact that women were shown in control and were allowed to have wild escapades.



**Lydia Frances**

*Fried Green Tomatoes*. It was a great movie about women and their strength and courage. The script was great because it had all the good components: laughter, love, conflict and resolution without a lot of violence. The racism was hard to take, though.

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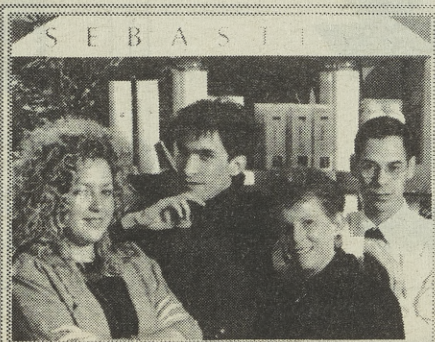
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# RUMOR HAS IT

O ooh girl! Hundreds of women came out for the **Blue Moon Reunion**, March 4th at **Faces**. Organized by **Patty Pardue**, the night took us back to the days of chug-a-lug parties and fun dance music. **Blue Moon** owner **Shannon Morgan** was glowing all night long as

women came up and hugged her and asked when she was going to open the **Moon** again. . . "never," she replied, "I can't stay up that late anymore." Many of the **Moon** regulars joined with **Kim Wallace** in singing **Janis Joplin** tunes at the top of their lungs. Just like the good ole days.



Shannon and Ginny.

It appears like **Stacey** and **Paul**, Empress and Emperor **XVI** of **CGNIE** remember the good ole days fondly. **Rumor** has it the dynamic duo are running for the titles again this year. **Racine**, past **Duchess** is also rumored to be running.



Reminiscing.

According to the current reigning monarchs **Lady Garnet** and **Leonard**, the April 25 **Coronation** is going to be the **Ball of Balls**.



Garnet and Leonard.

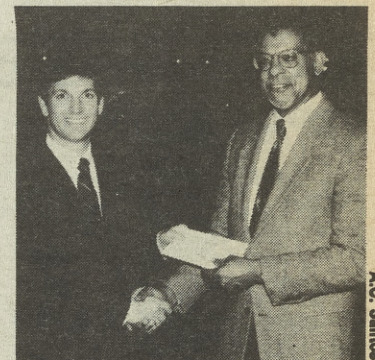
Speaking of balls, **Queer Nation** members throughout California are going to be attending the **Oscars** on **March 30** with a goal of drawing attention to homophobia in films. If you've got the urge to make a statement at the glitzy event call **Queer Nation** at 863-2518 x3030.

Other members of the lesbian/gay community who are making a statement, this time through manipulation of the political system, are the men and women of **CAPPAC** (**Capitol Political Action Committee**).

The annual **CAPPAC Dinner** is scheduled for **May 30**, and attendance is limited to **500**. The money raised from the \$75 per person event goes to politicians who support lesbian and gay issues. Money talks.

**Ken Topper** is talking up a storm these days as he hands over checks to local charities from the estate of **Stan Hadden**. It appears that **Stan** had several life insurance policies and designated local charities as recipients. **Ken** turned over checks to **Sue Strong** of **CARES**, and **Cus Guichard** of the **Sacramento AIDS Foundation**. Thank you **Stan Hadden**.

The members of **Rainbow Real Estate Professionals** have also been giving a lot lately. **Rev. Ed Sheriff** presented **RRE** member **Rick Oldham** with a plaque from **Loaves and Fishes - Hope House**, and a representative of the **Sacramento AIDS Foundation** came out to their March meeting and accepted a check for more than \$480.



Ken with Gus Guichard.

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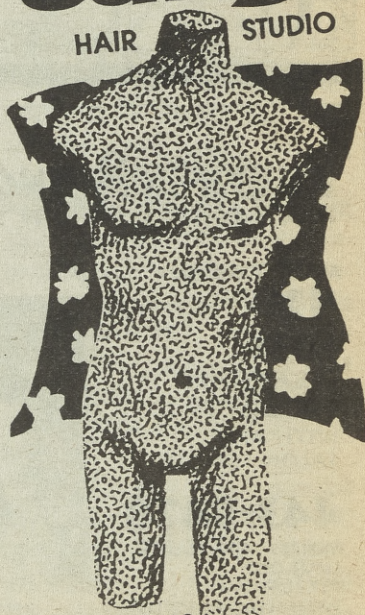


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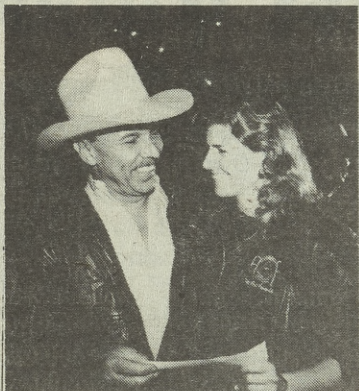


It seems one of the members of this thrill seeking tour to San Diego felt the need to grab the pilot's behind on the way to his seat (Tony). The pilot had a talk with Jerry, and the cocktails were cut off. Oh my God! Rumor has it, cocktails were served anyway, just without mixers. The Sacramento Sheriff's Department gave the Mary band of travelers a personal escort off the plane -- how sweet.

Remy Ceci, that sweet real estate sales woman was the "Top Producer" of the year at CBC Realtors. I guess having her mug all over town helps.

Another wild real estate mogul in the news this month is Vicki Pfingst. Vicki was very close to being a candidate for City Council but changed her mind at the last minute. Oh well, maybe if we urge her to run next time she'll feel ready.

Local old city activist, Mark Whisler, took out papers to run for mayor, but decided against



Terry with Shaanon Lindauer.


it. Rumor has it, he heard no one would vote for him. Vicious.

Last month, Marghe Covino was jokingly referred to as Jerry Sloan's double. Thank goodness Marghe has a sense of humor and chose to forgive us. As president of the Lambda Community Center, Marghe is taking an active role in changing the Center's image. In addition to the board of directors, an advisory board is going to be added to help make the

Lambda Center the best it can be.

Faces owner Terry Sidee gave a check to Lavender Angel Shaanon Lindauer last month to keep the gay patrol going and growing strong. San Francisco D.J., Page Hodel was at Faces to raise money for the protectors of our community.

Yee Haw! Guy's and Gals gather round for the Sacramento Lesbians Creating Change, Country Western Dance, April 3 at the Tuesday Club. You'll have so much fun, you'll wonder if it's legal!

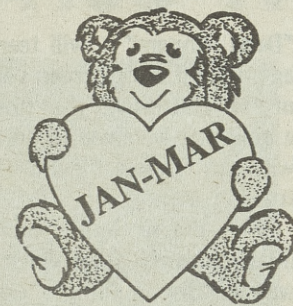
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by Chris Narloch

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Robin Williams wants to play the lead in "The Mayor of Castro Street." Oliver Stone may be tapped to helm the bio of Harvey Milk, written by the Bay Area's Randy Shilts.

Shilts' other book, "And The Band Played On," about the AIDS epidemic and the Reagan years, is currently under development at HBO.

Finally, David Cronenberg and Jeremy Irons -- both of

"Dead Ringers" -- will team-up again for the big screen version of "M. Butterfly," the story of a diplomat involved in an affair with an "actress" who is actually a man.

For movie buffs, there is finally a compilation video that was worth compiling. "Oscar's Greatest Moments" (1970-1990) arrives just in time to plug Tinseltown's annual event.

Surprisingly, it's an entertaining treasure trove, filled with the scary outfits, hideous production numbers and embarrassing acceptance speeches we've come to expect from the Oscars.

There are also dozens of great clips from award winning

films plus many lump-in-the-throat moments caught live and preserved for posterity by host Karl Malden.

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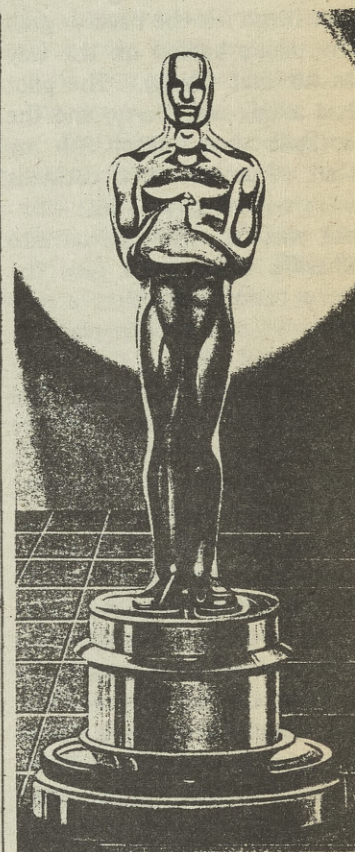
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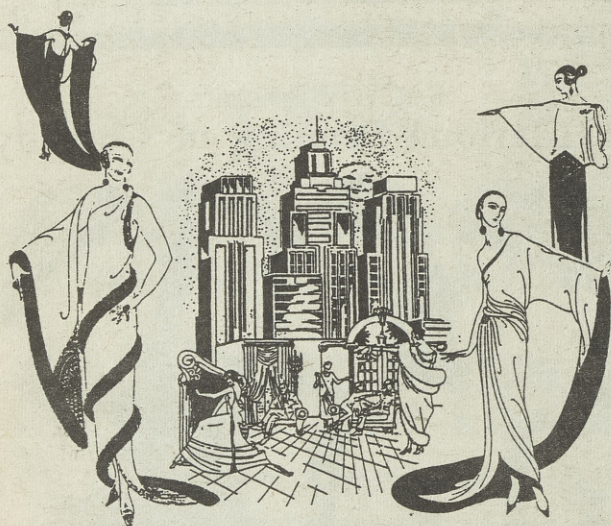
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## Contemporary Art Center Tries New Tack

by D. Oldham

**W**ith much controversy about recent funding woes, The Center for Contemporary Art is doing the same thing as the rest of the country -- paring down and cutting back.

With much fanfare the Center for Contemporary Art, originally opened this past September with "America" curated by then director, Randal Davis. The Center had received funding of several large donations, the building given a rent-free lease for three and a half years, and the remodeling done by volunteers. But as the year wore on, the large contributions dwindled. Amid criticism, the Center laid off its director, citing his \$35,000 a year salary as the cause. The Center has now reorganized, with a membership drive, a change in hours, plus a new and eager volunteer staff.

Unlike the Crocker Art Museum, the Center does not receive funding from the city. Like many non-profit groups, it must rely on memberships for its finances. Don Thomas, Vice-chair of Programming at the Center, assures new members that their membership dollars will "go directly to paying the electricity bill and other essentials."

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The show currently at the Center for Contemporary Art is called "Lost and Found".

"Like all arts organizations, the Center has been forced to trim costs in every area, but we certainly see these as short term measures. We are going to aggressively continue taking risks in order to bring Sacramento the finest programming possible."

An upcoming exhibition "View From the Center" will showcase the Board's resources. It also should give the public an idea of the Center's direction for the upcoming year. The Center plans to keep the image it began with -- an upscale art center for a community that was lacking in contemporary arts.

Local art enthusiast and early Center member Karen Bell summed it up when she said, "This is the first time that we have had modern art exhibits in Sacramento like those usually found in San Francisco or Los Angeles. "It would be a shame to lose something with so much potential." The current group exhibit is the group show "Lost and Found."

The Center is located at 1116 15th Street in downtown Sacramento. The hours make it a good "after-work" stop: Thursday through Sunday, 11:00 to 6:00. A \$1.00 donation is requested at the door. Memberships are available to individuals for \$25. Two people living at the same address can qualify for the "Family" membership of \$35.

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than 10 percent of the gay and lesbian population," said Nystrom. "That's why it's so important for the smaller communities such as Sacramento to be represented."

Nystrom, who also helped

organize the local National Coming Out Day Rally this past October, said that although the D.C. march isn't until April 1993, the group already has 250 rooms booked and an airplane chartered for the weekend. Organizers are expecting more than 1 million

people for the event.

Although the 1987 March on Washington was a huge success, Nystrom said that this next one should be even better, with multiple stages for more entertainment and speakers as well as specific contingents to show how

strong activism is in every section of the nation.

Volunteers are needed for almost every aspect of the massive amount of organizing that needs to be done to make the march effective, from getting the word out to planning events at the national

level. A national planning meeting has been set for May 8 in Dallas. If you want to be on a national committee, put May 8 on your calendar.

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